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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 5, as follows:

This application claims benefit of prior-filed co-pending provisional App. No. 60/466,799 entitled "Low-profile-core and thin-core optical waveguides and methods of fabrication and use thereof" filed ~~04/29/2002~~ 04/29/2003 in the names of David W. Vernooy, Joel S. Paslaski, and Guido Hunziker, said provisional application being hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. This application claims benefit of prior-filed co-pending provisional App. No. 60/473,699 entitled "Surface-mounted photodiode for an optical waveguide" filed ~~05/27/2002~~ 05/27/2003 in the names of Henry A. Blauvelt, David W. Vernooy, and Joel S. Paslaski, said provisional application being hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.